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## COMBINED AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

SIR:

In response to the restriction requirement dated May 5, 2003, Applicants hereby elect with traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-6 drawn to a polynucleotide encoding SEQ ID NO: 2, a vector, a host cell, and the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 2.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new claim 13.

Please see the attached Amendments to the Claims.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Combined Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement (8 pages total) is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on the date indicated below:

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